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JANUARY PLANS NOT MET

1949 PLAN FOR BULGARIAN INDUSTRY -- Izgrev, No 1359, 9 Mar 49

The Council of Ministers has announced that the 1949 plan for Bulgarian industry will call for a general increase in industrial and agricultural production of 18 percent over 1948. Industrial production (other than locomotives) will be increased by 22 percent, and agricultural production (other than from forestry, hunting, and fishing) will be increased by 16 percent. Heavy and light industrial production will be increased by 23 and 21 percent respectively. As 155 percent more new power facilities will be put into operation in 1949 than were opened in 1948, power production will be increased by 23 percent. As a result of a 16-percent increase in mine production (including coal and ore), supplies of black coal are expected to satisfy Bulgarian needs, and 22 percent more ore will be mined than in 1948.

The plan for the chemical industry will be 34 percent greater than last year, metallurgy 64 percent greater, electrical industry 82 percent greater, metal products 51 percent greater, machinery 41 percent greater, building materials 25 percent greater, and food industry 37 percent greater.

INDUSTRY FALLS BELOW JANUARY PLAN -- Izgrev, No 1344, 18 Feb 49

The January plans for light and heavy industry were not satisfactorily fulfilled. The "Metalobrabotvane" (Metalworking) State Enterprise fulfilled its plan only 75 percent, the rubber industry 85 percent, woolen textiles 86 percent, cotton textiles 92 percent, and the leather industry 83 percent.

The plan for iron castings was fulfilled only 57 percent, nails 57 percent, and aluminum vessels 62 percent. The plan for knitted cotton goods was fulfilled 75 percent, sewing thread 91 percent, and fabrics 81 percent. The plan for overshoes was fulfilled 75 percent and for automobile tires 63 percent.

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MANPOWER NEEDS FOR INDUSTRY -- Izgrev, No 1342, 16 Feb 49

The Ministry of Industry announces that 14,000 workers will be needed by Bulgarian industry this spring, including 2,400 machinists, 3,300 tile workers, 506 workers for the spinning mill of the Sofia Cotton Union, and 600 for its weaving mill. The Gabrovo Union will need 700 workers for Gabrovo, 1,000 for Varna, and 280 for the other factories of the Union. The building materials industry will need 1,776 workers. The woodworking industry needs 1,750 workers to fulfill its 1949 plan by the end of September. The metalworking industry needs 670, the woolen industry, 950, and the food-preserving industry, 200 workers.

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